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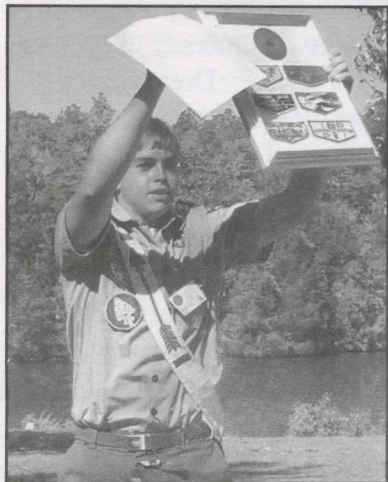
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Ferguson flashes  
"Best All-Around Lodge" Award

## Coosa Dominates Final SR-8B Conclave!

*Lodge awarded "Best All-Around Lodge"*

By Red Feather Herald Staff

The 50th anniversary SR-8B conclave was a great weekend to be a Coosa Lodge 50 member! Hosted by Yustaga 385 at Camp Euchee in Florida, over 90 members of our lodge traveled the length of the state to meet for the final time with brothers from the other lodges in Alabama. For the first time in history, Coosa Lodge 50 brought home the coveted "Best All-Around Lodge" award, and dominated the awards in every competition! Coosa won First Place in the following competitions: Lodge Planbook, Where to go Camping Guide, Lodge Newsletter, Lodge History



Bill Souder aces the Brotherhood

Scrapbook, Pre-Ordeal Ceremony, Brotherhood Ceremony, and Vigil Honor Ceremony! The Lodge also placed 2nd in Wischixin, 3rd Place in Basketball, 3rd Place in OA Jeopardy, and 3rd Place in Volleyball. As you can see, it was a busy weekend, full of active participation by our entire contingent!

Individual awards were presented to the following lodge members: Charlie Simmons – Best Meteu in Pre-Ordeal Ceremony, Kevin Pocus – Best Kichkinet in Pre-Ordeal Ceremony, Bill Souder – Best Allowat Sakima in the Brotherhood Ceremony, David Bivins – Best Kichkinet in the Brotherhood Ceremony, William Hayes – 2nd Place in Traditional Dance, Charlie Simmons – 1st Place in Grass Dance, and William Hayes – Best Vigil Honor Ceremony. Congratulate these brothers the next time you see them on their accomplishment and hard work!

Coosa Lodge now becomes a member of Section SR-6S, along with Lodges from Chattanooga, Atlanta, Macon, Rome, Athens, Columbus, and Griffin, GA. The 2002 Section Conclave has already been set for April 26-28 at Camp Skymont in Altamont, TN, hosted by Talidandaganu' Lodge 293 of Chattanooga. Mark your calendar now – let's show our new section our Coosa Pride!



Seth takes final bath as  
SR-8B Chief!



Showing our Coosa Pride!

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## Westmoreland Service Day Approaching!

By Chris Brightwell, Kaskanampo Tribe Chief

Brothers, the summer is upon us. That can only mean one thing: Service. Throughout the year the Lodge, your troop, and the various districts within our Greater Alabama Council provide countless hours of service and good deeds, all ripe for the picking. It is our duty, as members of this great Order, to serve, restore, and preserve each of our Council's five camps.

On Saturday July 21, I invite you to join your Brothers in Service at Camp Westmoreland near Florence, Alabama. By the time you read this, there should be a map with information on the Coosa Lodge Website, located at <http://members.home.com/coosa50/>. This service day is designed to work on Camp Westmoreland, while fulfilling the Service requirement for sealing your membership in the Lodge and obtaining Brotherhood status.

Registration is scheduled to start at 8:00am on Saturday morning, and the Lodge will provide lunch and dinner meals. There is no fee for the weekend, unless you are going to be part of the Brotherhood Ceremony, which costs \$12 to cover the cost of a Brotherhood sash. The ceremony will follow dinner and we will depart for home shortly after the Brotherhood ceremony. If you have any questions, be sure to check the Lodge Website for updated information.

I hope to see you all at Camp Westmoreland on July 21 for a great day of fellowship and service.

Yours in the Order,  
Chris Brightwell



## Attention All Vigil Honor Members!

By Red Feather Herald Staff

The time is fast approaching for our next Vigil Honor class to be selected. Once that has happened, plans will be finalized for the Vigil Honor Induction that will occur on Friday October 5th. Your help for this significant event is requested! To this end, there will be a meeting for all Coosa Lodge Vigil Honor members in the camp office of Camp Sequoyah on Saturday August 18th at 1:00 P.M. during the Ordeal weekend. Please make plans now to attend!

## Comer Ordeal A Success!

By David Ferguson, Lodge Vice-Chief of Inductions

The first Ordeal of the year turned out to be quite a pleasant surprise. With immediate past Section Chief Seth Hill as our Ordeal Master, a great weekend was compiled. We had 130 new Ordeal members and 43 members to earn their Brotherhood during the weekend – congratulations to all our new Ordeal and Brotherhood members! We also want to thank the 13 members who volunteered to become Elangomats for the weekend. They were: Drew Corley, Anthony Freeman, Brett Wiggins, Robert Thomason, Jim Ellison, David Ferguson, Ben Johnson, Alex Hufstetler, Ryan Hicks, Ben Tucker, Matthew Hayes, Nick Harper, and Justin Ruf.

A special thank you goes out to all who gave up their comforts of the weekend to help each of the new members experience their Ordeal with a purpose. Now we hope that each of you will strive toward earning your Coosa Lodge Elangomat award in the near future. Any one who is interested in becoming an Elangomat at any Ordeal this year should contact David Ferguson at [coosa\\_50@hotmail.com](mailto:coosa_50@hotmail.com) or you can call at (256) 878-9510 for any questions or comments.

At the other upcoming Coosa Lodge Ordeals this year, we hope to have just as much success as we did at this one held at Camp Comer. Camp Sequoyah will host our 2nd Ordeal during the weekend of August 17-19, and Brian Russell will be the Ordeal Master. Camp Jackson will be hosting our 3rd Coosa Lodge Ordeal on September 7-9, and David Hoover will be the Ordeal Master. Good luck to you both in preparing the new candidates for their experience. If you would like to assist either of these Arrowmen in preparing for one the upcoming Ordeals, you can call Brian at (205) 425-7463 and David at (256) 775-8095. If you are a new Ordeal member, you are especially invited to help with these upcoming Ordeals. Hope to see you there! The Vulcan District Chapter was formed in December 2000 under the leadership of Chief Brian Russell, with the advisement of Dell Tull. The chapter's Native American name is "Nunnhi". The chapter's thirty-four troops comprises of Hoover, Vestavia, Homewood, Mountain Brook, Southside Birmingham and surrounding areas. The officers and members have attended Lodge training in Huntsville, the Aracoma Powwow and several Lodge events. This chapter has pledged to be a positive service to the troops in its service area. The chapter meets on the first Thursday of each month at the Vestavia Hills Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. through August 2001. Come September, it will start meeting at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Homewood on the same night and at the same time.



## AdVenture Challenge Staff Needed

By Red Feather Herald Staff

On July 30 through August 3, 2001, the Greater Alabama Council will hold the first AdVenture Challenge at Camp Jackson, a program for inner-city Scouts of Venture Scouting age. Coosa Lodge will assist in the staffing of this event, and we need you to help serve on the Staff! You are asked to serve for one day, or the entire week, whatever your schedule will allow.

We will need adult and youth staff in the following program areas: Aquatics, Mountain Biking, Rappelling and Rock Climbing, Sports, Dining Hall, and General Service. A general Staff meeting will be held each day at 8:00 AM in the OA lodge at Jackson to review the daily program and assignments.

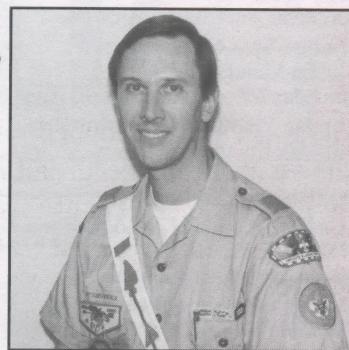
Staff OA members will receive special Ad-Venture Challenge Coosa Staff memorabilia, and there will be no charge for meals. Wall tents will be available if you wish to stay overnight.

This should be a great opportunity for service to the council and your fellow Scouts. In addition, you may qualify for the new OA Scoutreach Mentoring Award with your service. Please contact Dr. Flatt at 256-881-5607 or drflatt@aol.com if you plan to help, or you can just be there at 8:00 AM for the Staff Meeting at the OA lodge on any day you wish to serve. We'll see you there!

## Adviser's Viewpoint

By James Flatt, MD, Lodge Advisor

We are off to a great summer! Congratulations to all our new members who completed their Ordeal at Camp Comer last month, and a special welcome to all our new Brotherhood members! We look forward to seeing you at upcoming Lodge events, and welcome your participation!



If you haven't already gotten a copy, pick up the new Coosa Lodge 2001 Planbook and read it – it's available from your Chapter Chief or Adviser. You'll find detailed information on our Lodge's organization, and plans for the year.

Take note of the new AdVenture Challenge Staff opportunity listed in this newsletter issue – this looks to be a great new program for our council, and we hope to see the Lodge step up and take on a big part in helping with this new event. Let's each try to make some time to come out to Camp Jackson during the week of July 30 to August 3rd to serve on the Staff.

Best wishes for a great summer camping season, and I hope to see you all at the Ordeals and the Fall Fellowship Pow-Wow!



## Arrow Points

### Lodge Planbooks have Arrived!

The Coosa Lodge 2001 Planbooks, containing all the program and pertinent OA info for the year, are now available from your Chapter Chief or Adviser.

Pick up your copy soon!

### Jamboree Flaps are Available!

The 2001 Coosa Lodge National Jamboree flaps will be available for purchase at the upcoming Lodge Ordeals. They will be available to all current, dues-paid members at \$3.00 each.

## Vulcan District Chapter Formed!

By Brian Russell, Chapter Chief-Vulcan District

The Vulcan District Chapter was formed in December 2000 under the leadership of Chief Brian Russell, with the advisement of Dell Tull. The chapter's Native American name is "Nunnhi". The chapter's thirty-four troops comprises of Hoover, Vestavia, Homewood, Mountain Brook, Southside Birmingham and surrounding areas. The officers and members have attended Lodge training in Huntsville, the Aracoma Powwow and several Lodge events. This chapter has pledged to be a positive service to the troops in its service area. The chapter meets on the first Thursday of each month at the Vestavia Hills Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. through August 2001. Come September, it will start meeting at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Homewood on the same night and at the same time.



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## Coosa Lodge 50 2001 Calendar

January 27	Lodge Leadership Development Conference	Ashbury UMC Madison, AL
March 16-18	Spring Fellowship	Comer
April 20-22	Conclave	Spanish Trail Scout Reservation DeFuniak Springs, FL Yustaga 385 Host
June 1-3	Ordeal / Brotherhood	Comer
July 21	Workday / Brotherhood	Westmoreland
August 17-19	Ordeal / Brotherhood	Sequoyah
September 7-9	Ordeal / Brotherhood	Jackson
October 5-7	Fall Fellowship Pow-Wow	Winnataska

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